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CAMBODIA-B NO. 5

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CINCPAC FOR ADMIRAL GAYLER, CNO FOR ADM. HOLLOWAY,

COMUSSAG FOR LT GEN BURNS

FROM AMBASSADOR DEAN PRESENTLY IN BANGKOK

AT THE CLOSE OF A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION EAGLE PULL ON
APRIL 12, 1975, I MUST EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE AND
ADMIRATION AND THAT OF THE ENTIRE MISSION STAFF OF THE
AMERICAN EMBASSY AT PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA, FOR THE MAGNIFI-
CENT WAY IN WHICH THE FORCES ASSIGNED TO THE PLANNING AND
EXECUTION OF THIS TASK ACCOMPLISHED THEIR MISSION. NOT ONLY
WAS THE EVACUATION PERFORMED PROMPTLY AND CLEANLY, BUT THE
EFFICIENCY AND SPEED WITH WHICH IT WAS CARRIED OUT PROVIDED
THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE WHICH ENABLED US TO AVOID ANY CASUAL-
TIES THROUGH HOSTILE ENEMY ACTION WITHOUT THE NEED FOR ACTIVE
AMERICAN FIRE SUPPORT. I WISH PARTICULARLY TO COMMEND THE FINE
COOPERATION AND EFFORTS OF CAPTAIN MOORE, USN, COMMANDING
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THE USS OKINAWA, COL. ROCHE, USMC, WHO COMMANDED THE

CARRIER-BASED MARINE DETACHMENT EMPLOYED IN THE OPERATION,
AND ABOVE ALL, COL. BATCHELDER, USMC, WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF
THE ENTIRE OPERATION ON THE GROUND, AND WHOSE COUNSEL TO
US IN OUR PLANNING OVER THE PAST WEEK WAS AS HELPFUL AS
WAS HIS CAPABLE COMMAND AND CONTROL DURING THE OPERATION.
TO THESE FINE OFFICERS AND THEIR MEN, MAY I SAY THAT THEIR
ACTIONS TODAY AND IN THE DAYS LEADING UP TO THE EXECUTION OF
EAGLEPULL HAVE BEEN IN THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THEIR
RESPECTIVE SERVICES. ALL OF MY STAFF WILL ECHO MY HEARTY
"WELL DONE."
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